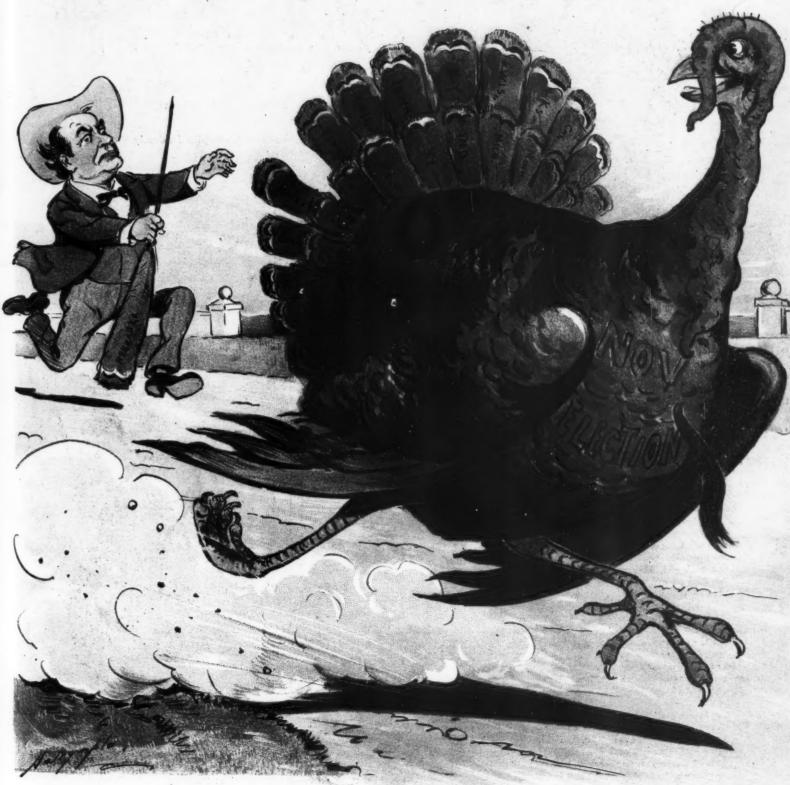
# "What Fools these Mortals being

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BRYAN'S THANKSGIVING.



### EXCITEMENT AHEAD.

FIRST MOUSE (in great glee).—Say! I heard the lady of the house say there was going to be a meeting of the Sewing Circle here this afternoon.

SECOND MOUSE.—Great Cheese! What fun we'll have! Will we both appear at once, or give them separate fits?



### THE HORSELESS KNIGHT,

Miss Netherby 's perched on his automobile;
And, knowing the make to be one of the best,
He 's let on the steam and lit out for the West.
"'T will need some quick work on the part of your Pa
To stop this elopement," said young Lochinvar.

They plunged through the mud and they ploughed through the mire, They rattled a bolt off and started a tire,
Their course was so crooked it did n't appear
That young Lochinvar 'd ever learned how to steer.
Next up from beneath came a joggle and jar —
"She's busted a bearing!" cried young Lochinvar.

Then something or other went wrong with the power-The pace was reduced to a half-mile an hour; And, hearing behind her an ominous hiss, Fair Ellen demanded the meaning of this.

"It means that we'll just have to stay where we are Till I find some more fuel," quoth young Lochinvar.

But nowhere on Cannobie Lea could be seen
Any shop where a fellow could buy gasolene,
Though young Lochinvar would have bartered a bank
For three or four quarts to replenish his tank.
So the vengeful pursuers caught up with his car
And played polo with it and young Lochinvar.

The father's good broadsword, with violent raps, Converted the "aut" into quarter-inch scraps; And Ellen declared she was glad to get rid Of a person who messed things as Lochinvar did. Then all of them gave the poor youth the "Ha-ha!" And that was the finish of young Lochinvar.

Manley H. Pike.



Mrs. Doggett.—Oh, dear! I don't know what on earth to do for poor Prince!

MRS. FAYTH-KUER.—Why don't you try Christian Science? It worked wonders for our baby.

Mrs. DOGGETT.—But, My Gracious! . can't afford to experiment on this dog; he 's won prizes at five shows!

### IN THE GOOD OLD WAY.

HE SKY is dull, the air is crisp;
Wind-voices through the tree-tops lisp;
The dead leaves scurry o'er the road
To rail-fence corners, their abode
Through Winter months. The chimney's smoke,
That swaying downward seems to cloak
The dormers from the chilling wind,
Foretells the feast. Within we 'll find
All efforts centre toward the board
On which is spread the choicest hoard

Of treasure gathered through the year From budding time till "black" frosts' sear.

(Once more the home-tie closely binds!)

See those preserves? Just nineteen kinds;
Ten kinds of jam and marmalade
Are for our pleasure here arrayed;
Of pickles twelve varieties,
Both sweet and sour, greet our eyes;
While cherry bounce and brandied peach
For our dulled palates seem to reach;
Eight kinds of cake; and "ho'-made" bread—
Not baker's cork nor servant's lead;
And pies!—No one has counted them!
And each one in itself a gem!

But these are mere accessories
That cluster round the centre piece
Done to a turn! Yet it was but
The day before no prouder strut
The barnyard knew. With upturned shanks
He now adds gusto to our thanks,

But why enumerate the list?

Though half were gone 't would not be missed.

Suffice to say when I awoke
From my dream-trip to old home-folk,
I heaved a sigh of mind resigned,
Put on my hat and overcoat,
As usual went alone and dined
At a machine-made table d'hôte.

Wood Levette Wilson.



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### A NEW WRINKLE.

"Pshaw!" ejaculated the advance representative of a certain dramatic aggregation, glaring contemptuously around in the star's dressing-room. "Why, there is hardly enough space here to swing a cat in!"
"Well, you never told me, before I signed the contract with you, that

your leadin'-lady made a practice of swing n' cats in her dressin'-room, or I d' know as I 'd have given you such lib'ral terms," replied the proprietor of the Pettyville opera house, glumly. "Blame it! You show people are always gittin' somethin' out of me that you don't contract for! Last Uncle Tom's Cabin company that was here, one of the genuine man-eatin' Siberian bloodhounds bit a good-sized piece out of my leg; and another of 'em

of my leg; and another of 'em killed a prominent citizen's pig durin' the parade, and I had to cough up the price of it; one of the frizzle-headed soubrettes with the 14 - count 'em - 14 Virtigo Blondes, a couple of months ago, frisked my son out of a buggy-ride and two bottles of seventy-fivecent wine and mighty, by gosh! near out of his everlastin' peace and happiness. Quite a spell before that a gang of minstrels folded up my mountain and lake and carried 'em off in a trunk, and stole my rainstorm; and last season a parcel of confounded tragedians got me to dig up about all of the spare sheets at my house and among our immediate neighbors, for 'em to use as Roman togas, and then went roamin' off with 'em in the middle of the night, and like to have got me killed

by my wife and several other estimable ladies. Let me tell you, right now, if your leadin'-lady wants to do any cat-swingin' in this 'ere dressin'-room she 's got to provide her own cats — I won't furnish a single cat! Come to think about it, that 's a funny way of takin' exercise. What does she do it for, anyhow — do her any good?"

Tom P. Morgan.

### FREQUENTLY.

"Pa, what is a drawn battle?"

"It is one in which the enemy has rather the best of it."

### FURNACE.

"And then the lover, sighing like a furnace!"

She thought of these words of the Bard of Avon, beholding the youth prostrate there at her feet.

"But he is not so warm!" she argued with herself, and shivered.

### A GUESS.

UNCLE JOSH.—What does the paper mean by "the sovereign people?"

UNCLE HIRAM. — "The sovereign people?" I s'pose it means the political bosses.

### THE DOING OF IT.

"I tell you, sir, a great many things have been done in the name of religion."

"Yes; a great many human beings, too."



### WHAT WAS LACKING.

CASEY (reading).—" Alderman Clancy, the labor candidate, has placed himsilf in his prisint proud position by sheer hard work."

CASSIDY.—Shure, a mon that 's worked his way oop without a shtrike or two should nivir git th' labor vote!

### THE COLLEGE BOY.

COLLEGE BOY does not attend college: he only looks it. That is, he follows out Sunday supplement ideas on the subject. Consequently his personal appearance, conduct and speech are typical of college life; - the college life portrayed by the indubitable newspaper authorities.

The daily pursuits of the College Boy in reality savor more of the commercial than the academic. To be sure, he is usually a member of some great and well-known institution, and is directed by instructors of long experience; but you can't exactly call the department store a university or floor-walkers professors. The College Boy is strictly in character, then, after six o'clock at night and at the noon hour.

During office hours, coarse, unobserving persons would call him a clerk. You may see him almost any evening imparting his peculiar academic flavor to certain favored thoroughfares. His costume consists conspicuously of a slouch hat and cigarette. A noisy necktie and clamorous vest, together with plaid stockings and a horseshoe scarf-pin, help to make up his

"nobby" rig. If such array of ocular proof fails to convince you that the ornate being you behold is a College Boy, you must cross the street and follow awhile in his wake. After you have heard him greet a few acquaint-ances as "Why, Billy, old man! How's the boy?" or "How are you, Gus, old chap?" you can not fail to assure yourself that this must be one of those real College Boys. When you are thus assured never follow further, for you may be sadly disillusionized. You will probably find your thing of beauty on his way to the most obscure door of the cheapest dairy lunch or beanery in the vicinity.

The responsibility of typifying the true collegian rests heavily on the College Boy. It requires that certain essentially collegiate exercises be gone through with, on at least two nights in the week. Chief of these, as every newspaper reader knows, are "college pranks." The College Boy who performs them regularly acquires an added lustre; for thus he stamps himself as "one of the fast set" or "a devil of a fellow.

The correct performance of a "college prank" demands that several College Boys and about one dollar be collected in a crowded café at a given time. The dollar buys a few beers apiece for the College Boys, and they in turn are rendered "dead game" enough by the few beers to rise to the achievement of the "college prank." Such

"pranks" vary according to the ingenuity of the actors and are clever in inverse ratio to the fewness of the beers. College Boys seem to find among the most side-splitting the breaking of glasses, throwing of crusts and the attempted stealing of beer-steins. By observing a crowd of frolickers thus engaged, the uninitiated are enabled to form a correct idea of academic life. Newspaper writers are usually the admiring uninitiated and enlighten their readers accordingly. The vulgar frequenters of the café are apt to depart in a hurry with unprintable opinion rising to their lips.

Beside demonstrating to the public by dress and action his identity as a College Boy, an ambitious performer must model his

language according to collegiate standards. He must follow along the lines of expression that the writers tell us are characteristic of university men. This he can easily master after a few weeks perusal of newspaper articles bearing on real college life. Then he must accost and converse with other College Boys on the order of the following:

COLLEGE BOY I .- Hello, Sidney, old chum! Well, how goes it, old Sporting Life? It's the deuce of a while since I met you last!

COLLEGE BOY II .- To be sure, Clarence, old chap! I 've missed your rollicking old phiz awfully! Been getting much sport lately, my Buck?

"Oh! I slip around town once in a while, my boy! You can bet your last 'bot' I don't let much fun go by me! By Jove! we had a 'dead game' lark down at Jake's, last night! My old head feels rocky yet!"

"By Gad! Wish I'd been there! old pal. Pretty fierce, eh?"

"No end of the good old beer and rollicking old college songs! Freddy had his banjo and we cut up high jinks, you can wager!"

Thus does the sad-dog College Boy, with the assistance of the rollicking-blade College Boy, set forth to the gratified bystanders the true inwardness of college friendship and its accompaniments. And having thus creditably deported himself according to the only standards, he goes back satisfied to his ribbon-counter.

In such laudable exhibition the College Boy lives his perpetual course. You see him in cafés, billiard rooms and cheap table d'hotes, on pleasure bent, in department stores and offices on daily compulsion; - in colleges

Larkin G. Mead.

RIBBON DEPT



THE CLOTHING MERCHANT. - Do you belief dot all men are brodders? THE PAWNBROKER.—Vell, I know dot a good many of dem are

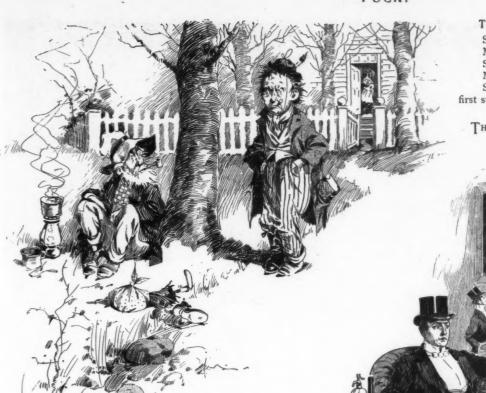
> A HALF-DOZEN Indian Sikhs Took the ferry-boat over the Styx; But the passage was rough, And it surely was tough To see Cerberus sic six sick Sikhs.



AT THE FRONT.

EDITOR (Podunk Herald). - Heard anything from that war correspondent we hired at five a week to represent us in the Transvaal?

FOREMAN .- Yes; here 's his dispatch about the last battle - "There was a perfect hail of bullets, some of which were as big as hen's eggs!"



### THE OLD STORY.

FIRST TRAMP.— Wanted yer to take a bath, did she?
SECOND TRAMP.—Well, she said dat when soap an' water
was so easy to git dere was no need fer any one lookin' like a
foot-ball-player at de end of a game.

### A GOOD-LUCK CITIZEN.

"What is a walking encyclopedia, Pa?"

"Well, he is a man who always happens to know the very things that other people happen to ask him."

### A CONFIDENTIAL OPINION.

FRIEND.—It must be hard to write poetry. EDITOR (emphatically).—No; it's too blamed easy.

### JOGGING HIM UP.

HE (musingly). — Well, man proposes, but——
SHE (meaningly). — No, he don't; he just keeps making one think he is going to.



### IN THE OLDEN DAYS.

"Is n't that a new departure, neighbor? I thought you believed in using Shank's mare."

using Shank's mare."
"Yes; but I 'm getting old. I thought I 'd try one of these horseless carriages."

### THE INFLUENCE OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

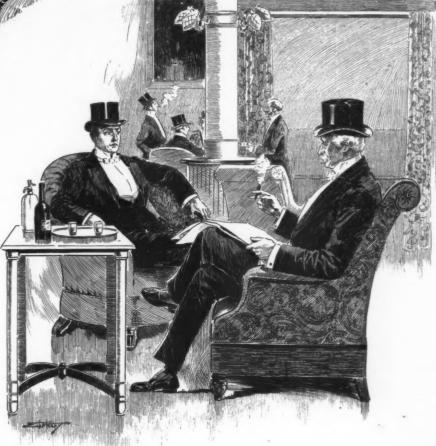
SEVEN-YEAR OLD. — Going to the theatre, Mama? MAMA. — Yes.

SEVEN-YEAR OLD .- May I go with you?

MAMA. - No, dear.

SEVEN-YEAR OLD (solemnly). — Remember, it is the first step in the downward path!

THERE ARE some people who think they could write an impartial autobiography.



### NEVER SATISFIED.

OLETIMER. - Why don't you get married?

BACHELOR.— I 'm afraid I could n't support a wife in the way she would like!

OLETIMER.—Don't let that stop you! It would be just the same if you were worth ten millions!

### WHY THE OTHER MAN SMILED.

"It is a very strange thing," said Mr. Peckby, innocently, "that I am never affected to any great extent with absence of mind except when my wife is away."

### CONSUMERS HAVE RIGHTS.

FIRST SUBURBANITE.—There are some cranks who would close every saloon in town if they could.

SECOND SUBURBANITE.—That would be dead-wrong. There are some features of this place that are enough to drive any man to drink.

### EVIDENCE.

FRIEND.—I guess your father knows as much about raisin' cattle as anybody?

FARMER'S SON.—I guess he does. Why, one of our cows has just had a two-headed calf.

SOMETIMES THE easiest mount on the road to success is the hobby of some one else.

MANY A poet has had reason to be thankful that his relatives were not in the same line of business.

### THE KING OF THANKSGIVING.

URN BACK your clock, O Father Time!

Till on the stroke of ten; So that, Thanksgiving season, I'm

A kingly boy again,
Whose depth we can not
make agree
With other measurements,
Nor figure his capacity
By his circumference.

A king — who drags reluctant feet
Where churchbell loud invites,
Tho' all his chums in yard and street
Are raising appetites;
Who knows his mother e'en, devout,

The text will not discern,
Because impressed with anxious doubt
For fear the turkey 'll burn.

A king — who seems all nose and eyes
Around the kitchen door;
Whose aching void is real youth's size,
Too vast to quite ignore.
Who, after he has sniffed and peeped,
And finally is in place
In keen anticipation steeped,
Must still submit to grace.

A king — who, when the rest are dead To all save pumpkin pie,
Unreefs, beneath the table-spread,
His waistband on the sly.
And 'mid the wilderness of bones
Upon his plate he frees
A landing, while in steadfast tones
He says: "More turkey, please!"

Edwin L. Sabin.



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### NO LONGER SCARY.

EDITH.—He no longer turns down the gas before kissing me! ETHEL.—He has probably gotten used to you!

### HE TOOK THEIR WORD FOR IT.

VISITOR FROM THE EAST.—You say times are hard as ever, and that the country is going to ruin, generally. Why, my dear Mr. Bushbeard, prices of stock and produce are extremely good, and crops are magnificent! I can not understand it.

POPULIST.— I can't understand it myself; I never had a chance ter study the financial question as I ought ter.

### WHAT HE HAD TO SAY FOR HIMSELF.

UNCLE BOB .- Well, Johnny, are you at the head of your class?

JOHNNY. - No; but I can lick the fellow that is!

### HIS POLICY VINDICATED.

FIRST GIRAFFE.—I understand the menagerie people say giraffes are very scarce, and are worth ten thousand dollars apiece.

SECOND GIRAFFE. — Indeed? Well, I have always advocated making ourselves scarce.

Now AND then a girl's face is her fortune; oftener, however, it is her chaperone.

### A MIDNIGHT ADVENTURE.



Mr. FEER.—Tell you what, this is a lonely road!

### HIS ANSWER.

LITTLE MIKE (who has an inquiring mind). — Father! MCLUBBERTY. — Phwot?

LITTLE MIKE. — Father, av wan av thim pug dogs was to follow his nose wud he turn summersets, or go down his own t'roat?

MCLUBBERTY. — Ar-r-r-r; Oi dunno! But phwot Oi do know is thot av yez ask me another quistion loike thot, me young intirrygation p'int, aph to bed ye'll go loike yez was shot out av a gun! D' yez moind thot?

### THE CHICAGO METHOD.

MISS LETTERS (of Boston). — So much depends on environment!

MISS PORKCHOPS (of Chicago). — Just so! Now, out in Chicago we are continually annexing our environments.

It is a question whether a man's ingenuity does more to get him into trouble or get him out of it.



"There is a man following me!



"I believe he is a highwayman There, he stoops to pick up some thing; a bludgeon, I'll wager!



IV.
"Good heavens! he is making for me!



"O Lord! I can see myself murdered! Three miles, too, before I reach another habitation.



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### CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

GIVING HANKSGIVING DAY brings the optimist and the pessimist THANKS. to the same table under a flag of truce. The optimist is thankful that all is well; the pessimist that it is no worse. And there is the medium, comfortable person who is thankful for both. On the whole, the optimist has rather the better of it this Thanksgiving. To all railers, malcontents and sour-minded folks he may point out that we are prosperous to a degree hitherto unknown. And it is agreed that prosperity is a thing to be thankful for. We are busy producing on the farm and building in the factory, and customers the world over are clamorous for our goods. We have all shared in the resulting benefits. Perhaps the sharing has not been according to merit in every case, but it has come as near to justice as we have learned how to bring it. It can not come nearer until we grow more sensitive to injustice. For the present, considering that we are a lot of ignorant, half-savage, crude-minded, selfish, superstitious brutes, hardly one remove from our brothers of the field, often more cruel and always as fearful of what we do not understand, we are doing really as well as could be expected. And let us be just as thankful as we can for it.

As to war, there is little to do but report progress. Aguinaldo is losing capitals at an unprecedented rate. FIGHTING. He loses one a day as compared with one a month last Spring. He must also be losing considerable sleep, and it looks as if he and those who also ran with him had about finished their race. From the besieged places in South Africa, where the dove of peace is made to be a messenger of war, the tales of fighting confirm the theory that war is hell; and they suggest, furthermore, that the Boers are believers in the good, old-fashioned kind of hell, with no higher-criticism nonsense about it. They are making the most of their opportunity, but it is an opportunity that will diminish with the arrival of every British troopship, and there is little doubt that it will soon be reduced to an extremity.

WE FAINTLY recall an observation to the effect that "Politics makes strange bed-fellows." We sug-THE "INFORMAL DREIBUND." gest it to those who might otherwise be puzzled by the state of affairs depicted in PUCK's double-page cartoon

this week. For it truly is a state of affairs. There is no doubt about it, how much soever it may gall certain of us to have a supersensitive hyphen in the midst of our Americanism. Without formality, by a mere

growing consciousness of common interests, and of the strength in combination, there has come to be an Anglo-American-German entente. And, by the circumstance of its being a natural growth, independent of signed treaties, than which nothing is frailer, it promises to make strongly for universal peace. It is, so long as it endures, a practical Peace Congress, as opposed to the impractical kind with which we were lately edified. As a London journal puts it, "the three countries have decided to live on civil terms for business reasons;" and that makes a situation which no other European power would lightly ignore. And it promises not only peace, but abundant oil for the rusty hinges of that "open door" in China.

WHILE THE creeds of the other churches are suc-THE Cumbing to modern enlightenment and the growth of true Christian feeling, it has been the proud PRICE OF SOULS. boast of the Roman Catholic church that it stood

immune from these influences. But a priest in Buffalo the other day dealt it a blow in a sensitive spot. On ordinary days, if one has a friend in purgatory one must pay a priest to pray him out. But, for the benefit of the unknown and friendless, there is All Souls Day, when a mass is said without price for all the souls in purgatory. It appears however that the practice has been to collect money for the release of souls, even on this day, and it was this practice that the Buffalo priest denounced. He called it a fraud. "If a priest," he said, "should wish to remember in the mass of that day the soul of any one in particular, or of only such whose names are written on sheets of paper or for whom money is offered, it must be understood by the people that these souls would have a share in the mass of that day, even if their names had not been collected. Should you ever attend mass on All Souls Day in a church where this fraud is practiced, denounce it." As this was the blackest kind of heresy in that it was an attempt to divert money from the church - the offending priest was charged by the Vicar-General of the Diocese with "subverting the truth" and was ordered either to deny that he had preached the offending sermon or to retract it publicly. But we see that even the Catholic church can not keep free from these opinionated servants. For Father Zurcher not only would not deny or retract the sermon, but he repeated it and nailed the manuscript to his pulpit; which was a very Martin Lutherish and dangerous thing to do. The matter should not be let to rest there. It should be definitely settled if a soul has a chance to be prayed out of torment one day in the year whether there is a thoughtful friend with a spare quarter at hand or not. Until it is settled we should prefer to be a Methodist or something, so we could go straight through the gates of glory and have it over with.

### NOW, GIVE THANKS!

F YOU have nothing else to be thankful for, be thankful for Christmas Duck. If you can't be thankful after you see that, your case is hopeless; you would better bunch your band in with the discard and wait for another deal. Christmas PUCK will be out next week. It will be the regular Puck No. 1188, and you will receive it as you receive other Pucks if you are a subscriber. If not you will have to buy it of a newsdealer or send to us for it. In the matter of Christmas numbers we have been educating the public and our contemporaries for some years. If you want to know just what a Christmas number should be get a Christmas Duck and place it alongside of the other alleged Christmas numbers that flood the news stands at this season. Try it and see if the others don't make the Christmas Puck look like thirty dollars (\$30.00). But it's only a quarter. Its 52 pages will contain the best work of puck's large exclusive corps of artists in a wonderful variety of design and color, with many full-page drawings in color, and a cover that would be ten times your money's worth if nothing else went with The Christmas stories, Christmas poems and Christmas jokes are the very best to be had and are calculated to take the place of a liberal Education. Get your copy early, because newsdealers can't keep them in stock long; or send 25 cents to

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"I can't run a yard further. He is gaining on me, too! Oh! what an awful fate!



"Oh! Mr. Highwayman, take my money, take my all; but please, oh! please, spare my life!"



THE CHASER.— Say! the next time you drop your pocket-book, dear fellah, don't make the finder chase two beastly miles after you to return it, don't y' know!



IX. MR. FEER.—Well, I wonder where I can buy a kicking machine?



PUCK .- Let us give thanks for the friendly understanding among the Saxon natio

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MAL DREIBUND.

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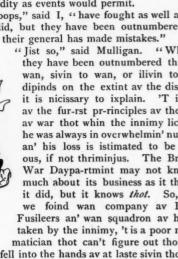
### MR. J. BULL UNIONJACK'S LETTER TO LONDON.

ON THE CAMPAIGN IN NATAL.

"If you an' me was not sich ould fri'nds, Misther Unionjack," said Mulligan, "Oi 'd cr-row over the misfortunes av the Br-ritish ar-rmy wit'out shtoppin' to apologize for hur-rtin' yer feelin's by doin' the same. As it is, Oi 'll apologize fur-rst an' cr-row aftherwards. Ye must raymimber, Misther Unionjack, thot the Br-ritish ar-rmy does n't have misfortunes enough to give us a chanst to cr-row very often; an' thin there 's Gin'ral
Buller com'n' along wit' an ar-rmy corpse to shpile the fun;
so, summon up yer Br-ritish shtolidity, as they call it, an'
be patient whoile the Oirish rayj'ice."

Under the circumstances I summoned up as much of my British stolidity as events would permit. "Our troops," said I, "have fought as well as ever they did, but they have been outnumbered and

> "Jist so," said Mulligan. "Whether they have been outnumbered three to wan, sivin to wan, or ilivin to wan, dipinds on the extint av the disasther it is nicissary to ixplain. 'T is wan av the fur-rst pr-rinciples av the ar-rt av war thot whin the innimy licks ye, he was always in overwhelmin' numbers an' his loss is istimated to be savrious, if not thriminjus. The Br-ritish War Daypa-rtmint may not know as much about its business as it thought it did, but it knows thot. So, when we foind wan company av Dublin Fusileers an' wan squadron av hussars taken by the innimy, 't is a poor mathematician thot can't figure out thot they



fell into the hands av at laste sivin thousand Boers. An' whin fifteen hundred or so, includin' me fr'ends the R'yal Oirish -

Gin'ral Whoite's lift wing got lost in the shuffle an' the Brritish payple was askin' wit' indignation what the divil had become av thim, the War Daypar-rtmint tould them there was no occasion for anny alarrum — the lift wing had gone off for a shtroll wit' the mules an' was ixpicted back at anny minute. Bedad! if the Boers shud bag Buller Oi suppose the War Day-par-rtmint ud shmoile wanst more an' p'int pr-roudly to the fact thot communications wit' Joe Chamberlain had not been cut off an' announce thot they felt no apprehinsion whativer about the safety av the Br-ritish navy!

"But, cheerful as the War Daypar-rtmint is, there's one thing cheerfuller yit that the war has projuiced, an' thot 's the war correspondent that has had an interview with a refu-'T is a glowin' tale av hope that he cables afther he has had a talk an' a drink wit' a refugee. Accordin' to the refugee, the Boers is havin' a commando blowed up with dynamite twict a wake; their ammunition is bad; they 're

gettin' little or nothin' to ate; sickness is spr-readin' in their ranks; they 'll niver shtand up anny more ag'in' the terrific char-rges av the Br-ritish infanthry; they have no confidence in their layders; they 're downhearted

an' discouraged an' they want to go home; an' Kruger is thinkin' av surrenderin' at wanst. Shtill they go on, wit' their hearts in their boots, takin'

PUCKOGRAPHS. - XXIX.

A NOTORIOUS WALL STREET SPENDTHRIFT.

towns an' prisoners an' mules, an' burnin' bridges an' tearin' up railroads an' cuttin' wires, an' raisin' the divil, gin'rally."

"Well, Mulligan," said I, "we'll have our inning after a while and you won't feel as

happy as you do now."
"Thot," said Mulligan,
frankly, "is the only thing
thot's worryin' me."



"A HELP MEET."

bad cess to thim for takin' the Quane's shillin' !-tuk their lave av the Br-ritish ar-rmy wan foine Sunda' noight an' niver kem back, it shtands to raison thot they were defayted an' captured by a for-rce av not less than ilivin thousand."

"But their mules stampeded with the ammunition -

"Whist!" said Mulligan; "thot's a good story about the mules an' the ammunition an' Oi 'm not denyin' but Oi admoire the military jaynius av the man thot thought av it -"

"But it 's true!" I insisted, indignantly.

"Well, aiven if it is thrue," said Mulligan, "ye can't ixpict an' Oirishman to belave it or a Frinchman. An' there 's quoiet shmoiles in Jarmany. But there's wan thing Oi must congr-ratulate ye on, an' thot 's havin' sich a cheerful War Daypar-rtment. Bedad! there 's no sich thing as gettin' thim worrid about annything! When Curnel Baden Powell was cut off, they shmoiled an' said they had n't the laste appr-rehension about him. An' when Saysil Rhodes was cooped up they shmoiled an' hinted that if there was annything in this wur-ruld Saysil ud inj'y it was

a sayge — nothin' ud plase him more than to be shtarved an' bombar-rded. Whin the hussars an' fusileers was missin' they shmoiled ag'in an' said they must be so busy puttin' the inimy to the soord an' raymimberin' Majuba thot they had n't toime to come back. An' when Gin'ral Yule lift his wounded behoind at Glincoe, an' rethreated to jine Gin'ral Whoite, they axed the public triumphantly if they iver h'ard av sich mastherly shtrategy as thot? An' whin the R'yal Oirish an' the balance av

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### ONE OF THEM.

"Some mud throwed in the campaign!"

"Pow'ful lot o' mud! You see, I was runnin' fer member leg'slatur as a farmer, an' t' other side 'ey went telling round 'at I oncet come back from a visit t' New York city with a dollar in my pocket! But nobody b'lieved 'em! Farmers all voted fer me. 'Ey knowed I was one on 'em."

### IN SOUTH AFRICA.

FIRST KAFFIR. - Say, what 's your hurry?

SECOND KAFFIR. - Don't stop me! I'm the special correspondent of the New York *Hustler* and I have a batch of startling rumors from the front.

### READY TO QUIT.

FIRST OFFICE-BOY .- I call my boss "Gridley."

SECOND OFFICE-BOY .- Why is that?"

FIRST OFFICE-BOY. - Because he may fire when he is ready!



### NEAR THANKSGIVING.

FIRST TURKEY.—Ah! dear me! I have a premonition that something is going to happen. I wish I were a wild turkey.

SECOND TURKEY.— You will be wild—when you see the man with the ax approaching.

### NOT HIS FIND.

SOILED SPOONER (in a moist and soggy voice).— Me only brother lost his life in de far-off Philippines, an'—

. FARMER FLINT.—Wa-al, ye need n't accuse me of findin' it; I hain't never been outside of this State in my life!

### THE END.

And the cooking-school swept on and on,
Till its conquest was complete,
And womankind in general
Would rather cook than eat.

### THE NEXT THING.

CITY MAN. - So no one here plays golf, eh? Well, what is the nearest thing you have to it?

MOSS-BACKED VILLAGER. - Aw, just plain silliness!

### PROSPERITY.

"Prosperity!" repeated the Kansas farmer, with a loud laugh. "Why, they ain't skurcely one o' my neighbors but what 's got him a carpet to his cyclone cellar, an' some on 'em 's Brussels, too!"

### THE REAL DIFFICULTY.

SAM. — I s'pose it 's hard to keep one o' dem monocles onter yer face.

PETE. — Dat am not so berry hard; but it am hard to keep it on an' luk as if it was n't hard.

### FORETHOUGHT.

O'RAFFERTY (pausing, hammer in hand). — Shure, Oi wish Oi was lift-handed!

CLANCY .- What for?

O'RAFFERTY. — Why, thin if Oi iver hurt my roight hand, workin', Oi 'd have my lift hand to fall back on.

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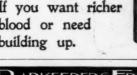
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"The Transvaal!" repeated Mamie, with a puzzled look. "Oh, west. The 's the coup.

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LAR FIERO.
"Well, it's no go,"
said the weary Democratic leader. "We
can't get Dewey to
head our ticket."
"It seems not," replied his lieutenant.
"Who's next?"

"Who 's next?"
"I don't know. If
Dreyfus was only eligible it would be easy;
but I guess we 'll have
to take Jim Jeffries."-Catholic Standard and
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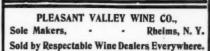
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WICK. — Henpeck
declares that his wife
is always an open
book to him.
WAGG. — That 's it
exactly. He can't shut
her up. — Catholic
Standard and Times,

HE.—The last half of the race the wind was dead against us and we both beat all the way home.

SHE.—Why, how could you both beat?

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### SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT.

JOHNNY. - Pa? PA.—Yes.

JOHNNY .- Is an Indian reservation a place where the Indians are allowed to live until the white men want it?

### GETTING UP IN THE WORLD.

THE TRAMP. - I wuz n't always like dis, lady.

THE LADY. - No?

THE TRAMP. - Not on yer life! Yer should have seen me a week ago, before a feller give me dis old suit!

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ard for me to lose my and from this house for-



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